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Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!"

Editorials

The Lily and the Cross

Flowers belong to Easter. Always eloquent, Easter blooms tell forth with moving force the beauty of the Living God and the joyful hope of eternal life, brought to light by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

As you bend over an Easter lily, you can hear it saying: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." The lily also foretells the purity and splendor of the sons and daughters of God when the last trump shall usher in the Savior's glorious appearing.

Yet the symbol of the Christian faith is not a lily but a cross. The white-hot center of Easter is the joy of victory won by the Son of God on two crossed timbers at Calvary. Had our Savior not triumphed over an accursed death on the hill of skulls, there would have been no Easter to commemorate. Without Christ's self-sacrifice for the redemption of humankind there would be nothing to "say with flowers" on Easter morn.

Children of the world ignore the centrality of the Cross in Easter. They are eager to celebrate the triumph of the open grave and to wear the garlands of Easter Day. They are unconcerned about Easter's cost, the price that Jesus paid in anguish and in blood. They seek the Christ of the lily and the hyacinth, not the Suffering Servant, who was crowned with thorns.

Our restless, hopeless world cries in the night for help. Young and old alike are questioning the rhyme and reason of existence.

God's Easter has the answer. God's Easter breathes out assurance nowhere else to be found. *God says it with a cross* on which the Prince of Glory died and rose again.

The Times Are NOT Critical!

"Brethren [or folks, friends, fellow church members, etc.], the times are critical!" This profound statement may be heard and read on the congregational, circuit, district, and synodical levels. For the most part it doesn't apply.

What do you mean, "The times are critical"? Do you perhaps mean that the A- or the H-bomb will kill us? Sooner or later we'll die of something. Anyway, God says my time is in *His* hands. Or do you possibly mean that the end of the world is drawing near? It has been for a long time; so don't get excited. Almost 2,000 years ago Paul said, "The Lord is at hand." Do you mean people are dying in unbelief? That, too, has been going on since the fall of man. Frankly, I can hardly think of anything that you might mention as making the days "critical" that hasn't been with man long before now.

In other words, if you need a new church, build it. Build it because you need it, not because "the times are critical." If you are building an educational building, frankly tell people you need their contributions because you want to do a better job of "teaching them . things." But don't say, "The times are critical." If needs more money and the "budget" is higher, the joy let us say that we are experiencing growing that we need more buildings to train more pasto teachers and missionaries, that God is opening ne sion doors to us. But don't say, "The times are c

In short, with a heart steady in God through Ch sure that He has a reason for putting you at th geographically and in this hour historically. We'r to be in Christ, to live for Christ, to lead others to and finally, when our last hour has come, to be with Knowing that, let's do our job with quiet determi high fidelity, and solid joy. God still reigns! Please tell me, "The times are critical."

E. J. Otto, *Editor,* Central Illinois District

"Peace Be Unto You"

These are the first words the risen Jesus spoke disciples hiding behind locked doors for fear of me place of fear, *peace* was given to these quaking one we know from Scripture that the effect was instanta

Today men are again quaking — from fear o A-bomb, the H-bomb, taxes, Communism, business sions, sudden death from heart disease, slow death cancer, death from any cause. *Men fear death.*

Queer! Rationalism has persuaded men there devil, hence no sin, hence no hell. Why fear death? Y heard the jargon: All religions are good, we're heade the same place; some go by plane, some by train course, some go in the wrong direction, but let's n medieval.

Yes, let us be medieval, medieval as fear! Pau moment in your delirious quest. Slacken your hea pace to nowhere. You have lost your symbols of p "Now I lay me down to sleep" has been replaced by d seated complexes. Worn Bibles have been replace a psychiatrist's couch. Men cry "Peace, peace!" when is no peace. Now, terribly afraid of being H-bombed the hell they were sure didn't exist, men are finally cr "What must we do to be saved?"

The only answer that brings peace is still: "Go loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but everlasting life."

This *Son* died to give *you* the only peace stronger the H-bomb; not the outward, but the inner peace earth that walks trustingly to peace *beyond* earth. Son came back from death to give you the peace of fea death no more. Because He has conquered death for H-bombs, taxes, recessions, are temporary trifles for Man who makes "all things work together for goo them that love God."

"Peace be unto you." Muriel B. Drell, Chicago, Ill

...ose Leaves

A Beggar Speaks on Easter

...ood morning, everyone!

...his is — well, it really isn't important who I am. Let's ...say that I'm a beggar. Yes, I'm a beggar, and I want ...sh all of you a very happy Easter. I suppose I look ...h to you. You all are so nice and clean. Easter is ... when people like to get all slicked up, isn't it?

...m sorry about my shoes. Disgusting, aren't they? I'm ..., but they're all I have, and I got them into their sad ...ition. See the patches on this coat? It doesn't fit so ...either. Needs a good cleaning, but it's the best I have. ...d to wash up before I came here. I know I must look ...l to you folks with my dirty hands and face. You all ...so clean. But I couldn't wash without any soap.

...nyway, I just wanted to say, "Happy Easter!" . . . ...t go! Don't leave me! Listen! Let me tell you some-...; really important. If you will look at me the way I am ...see me the way I am not, then you will be happy.

...hat must have sounded silly. I'm sorry if it did; but ...he truth. You must look at me and not see my shabby ...s or my patched-up coat or my dirty hands. If you ...see me clean and new, you will have a happy Easter. ...ou must see me the way God sees me. God looks at ...shoes, these ruined things, and God says, "Your shoes ...new." God looks at my coat, this raggedy thing, and ... says, "Your coat is new." God looks at my soiled ...ds and face, and God says, "You are clean and new." ...Maybe this sounds foolish to you. Well, this is where ...and God are different. To God I am clean. Jesus died ...ake me clean on the inside. He washed my soul with ...blood. I know that, and I believe it with all my heart. ...am I clean to you? If I look clean to you, then you ...w what real happiness is. If I look clean to you, then ... will celebrate Easter every day of your life. Because ...er was a big day when God showed the whole world ... Jesus wasn't dead and that His blood was good enough ...ash everybody clean. He was right. The people who ...ed Him to the cross were wrong.

...o if you don't agree with God's opinion of me, then ...re wrong, too. Because when God said to me, "You ... clean and new," He made me clean and new!

...Well, have a happy Easter, everybody. Oh, in case ...re wondering who I am, I'm *you.*— Daniel W. Fuel-..., *pastor,* Zion Church, Geneva, N. Y.

"Thomas Was Not With Them"

...Poor Thomas! He had constantly been with Jesus and ... disciples right up to Easter. But he absented himself ...n the other disciples on Easter Sunday evening; and ...as just then that Jesus came! Too bad!! Thomas missed ...much, so very much: a great thrill, the end of doubts ... fears, a mighty strengthening of his faith. For the ...e of your Christian faith, your Christian hope, your ...sent joy, your eternal salvation, *do not be like Thomas! Be at church next Sunday!* And on the Sunday after ..., and then the Sunday after that, and so on! Do not ... to be there to meet the Lord, to be blest by the Lord! ...*t be a Thomas! Be a constant disciple!* — *Messiah Lu-...an Church Bulletin,* Detroit, Mich.

What's the Answer?

Question: Is it not harmful to our cause that our Synod dropped the "Evangelical" from its name and merely calls itself "The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod?"

Answer: Hardly. While the term "Evangelical" in our name was always a gentle reminder to keep the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the center of our church work, it is self-evident to every thinking Lutheran that the omission of the word does not warrant a more legalistic approach to our problems. We must always remain evangelical, that is, preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way to heaven and employ it as the only true motivation for the Christian life of pastor and people. Whatever fruits are achieved through bribery, flattery, legalistic pressure, promise of reward, etc., are so much wood, hay, and stubble, that will be consumed in the fire of the Last Day (1 Cor. 3:12-15). Our concern should be to build a superstructure of gold, silver, and precious stones; above all, however, to remain firm on the foundation which is laid, namely, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11).

Question: Why does the Roman Catholic church have the Apocrypha in its Bible, while the Jewish and Protestant churches reject them? What is secret or hidden in these books?

Answer: There is nothing secret or hidden in these books. The ancient Jewish church refused to include them in the canon (authoritative standard of faith and life) because their authorship was unknown or uncertain. The Roman church for reasons of its own retained all but two of them. Luther kept them in the German Bible, but only as books that are good and beneficial to read. He emphasizes that they are not to be considered as being on the level with the authentic books of the Bible. They remained in England until the 19th century, but were then excluded. Only a few English Bibles still retain them. The position of the Roman church need not disturb us. It arbitrarily sets up unscriptural doctrines when it finds it useful so to do. Examples of such procedure are the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope; the immaculate conception of Mary; the bodily assumption of Mary; and others.

Question: We learn that in timeless time, Satan was banished from heaven. Is it not true for us that time began when God created the heaven and the earth and everything on the earth, including man? Therefore, where was Satan banished to between timeless time and the creation?

Answer: Are you thinking of a Bible verse when you speak of "timeless time"? We are not aware of such a text in the Holy Scriptures. We know from Exodus 20:11 that "in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." That would include the creation of Satan. Hence his fall and banishment must have taken place after the beginning of creation, but neither the exact time nor the place has been revealed to us. O. E. S.

Religious NEWS

The Church The World The Nation

The new $175,000 swimming pool at Concordia College, Milwaukee, was dedicated March 13. The pool and the building in which the pool is housed were made possible through gifts from individuals and churches in the local area.

Prof. Walter W. Stuenkel, president of the college, presented the new building, annexed to the gymnasium, to Rev. Arthur H. Oswald of Milwaukee, a member of Synod's Board of Directors, who accepted the gift in the name of Synod. Rev. Herbert W. Baxmann, President of the South Wisconsin District, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Rev. Edmund P. Frank, who teaches two Bible Chair courses at the University of Texas at Austin, in the current semester has 15 students enrolled in "Life and Teachings of Jesus." Three students are Lutheran (one, Norwegian Lutheran; two, Missouri Synod), five Methodists, two Episcopalians, and one each of Jewish, Assembly of God, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and Baptist persuasion.

In his course on the "Life and Letters of Paul," there are two students from each of these churches: Lutheran, Latter Day Saints, Baptist, Methodist, and Jewish, and one each of Disciples of Christ, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian.

The Rev. Frederick A. Gumz was installed February 13 as the first full-time campus pastor in Canada whom Synod is sponsoring. Under the auspices of the Ontario District he will serve at the University of Toronto, the largest school of higher learning in the British Commonwealth. He will develop the student work begun on a part-time basis by the Rev. Arne P. Kristo of Port Credit, a Toronto suburb.

A spokesman for the Student Service Commission of Synod, in describing Pastor Gumz's former campus pastorate at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, said he was "eminently successful in gaining unchurched students and particularly faculty members for the church."

Synod's first student pastor in the U. S. was Dr. Adolph Haentzschel (now head of the Department of Philosophy at Valparaiso University in Indiana), who went to the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1920.

ROBERT T. KOEHLER, one of the 20 American Fulbright exchange teachers in the German Federal Republic this year, has been a member of the faculty at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., since 1950, and previously a Lutheran pastor in Alice, Tex. Professor Koehler is now teaching English at the Alstertal Gymnasium (university preparatory school) in Hamburg, West Germany's largest city. A 1948 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he has also studied at Macalester College, the U. of Minnesota, and Washington U. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Koehler of St. Paul.

Sixteen German "Fulbrighters" are teaching in the U. S. under the same exchange program, with the objective of promoting better understanding between peoples of the free world. The program is financed from the proceeds of postwar sales of war surplus material overseas, as provided in the Fulbright Act.

Dr. Walter E. Buszin, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and editor of church music for Concordia Publishing House, recently addressed the American Musicological Society, which convened at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

In his address to the Music Teachers National Association at its meeting in St. Louis in February, Dr. Buszin discussed editing and publishing of church music. He is the editor of the *Anthology of Sacred Music* and the *Anniversary Collection of Bach Chorales,* used by choir directors and organists.

Walther Memorial Hospital, Chicago, received its 100,000th patient February 9, 1955. The hospital, founded by a group of Lutheran clergymen and laymen as a memorial to Lutheran servicemen who gave their lives during World War I, accepted its first patient in August, 1923.

The 174-bed and 32-bassinet hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, and its nursing school, in operation since 1923, is accredited by the National League for Nursing.

John Andrew Beyer, "the fo under God, of St. Paul's C Saratoga Springs, N. Y.," write tor Paul Buchheimer in the A District Edition of the WITNESS January 25, a few months Mr. Beyer celebrated his 90th day. The last remaining c member of the congregation, fo in 1894, he attended the 60th-an sary service last fall.

He was a businessman in Sa Springs for many years. For than half a century he was in his church and Sunday scho regularly attended Atlantic D conventions and meetings.

It is estimated that he distri personally more than a million gious tracts on his regular S afternoon visits to the sick a shut-ins. He enclosed tracts wi letters, bills, and packages fro store. "Men in prison found a f in Mr. Beyer. He visited them and then helped them find em ment when they were released pastor wrote.

Mrs. Beyer died in 1952, a days after she and her husban served their 65th wedding ann sary. Two of their sons entere ministry: Rev. John A., pastor congregation for the deaf in Se Wash., and Rev. Henry A., no ceased, formerly pastor at D N. J. Other survivors are his Henry D., Long Beach, Calif., Fred C., Saratoga Springs, and daughters: Miss Marie K. Beyer, Raymond Kelton, and Mrs. Ch Jenkins, of Albany and Sar Springs.

A total of 284 missionaries re senting nine Lutheran church b and two church-related agencie North America were sent to 18 c tries during 1954, Dr. Andrew Burgess, professor of mission Luther Theological Seminary, S Paul, Minn., announced. Of the 167 began their first foreign mi assignment, and 117 returned to stations after furloughs.

The comprehensive total of theran foreign missionaries North America is 1,687, and the mated expenditure for Lutheran eign missions in 1954 more $4,500,000, Dr. Burgess said.

The combined church membe on all Lutheran mission fields ported from America numbers 86

265 congregations, he added, with ive staff of 681 ordained pastors 10,243 lay workers.

he Evangelical Lutheran Church out the largest group of mission-, 72, of whom 51 went out for the time. The United Lutheran ch was second with 67, and the ouri Synod third with 42. These es include the wives of mis-aries.

ther church bodies and agencies ded in Dr. Burgess' report are: rican Lutheran Church, Augus- Lutheran Church, Lutheran hren, Lutheran Free Church, al Mission, Suomi Synod, United gelical Lutheran Church, and ld Mission Prayer League.

he dual parish of St. Peter's at ool and St. Paul's at Porter, Ind., he last two Sundays in January red Rev. John A. Bescherer, who been their spiritual leader for ears. On only one Sunday during half century was he absent from pulpit because of illness. "He is going strong," writes Rev. Trau- Thieme, the guest preacher from ago and the lifelong friend of Bescherer family.

After graduation from Concordia inary, Springfield, in 1902, Pastor cherer was ordained and installed he Lakin-Deerfield-Garden City sh in Kansas. In 1903 he married anna Wohlrab in South Bend, ; and in January, 1905, he was in-led in the McCool-Porter parish Rev. Emil Polzin, who is still ng.

The two congregations observed r pastor's three golden anniver-es in 1952, 1953, and 1955.

After Allentown, Pa., police reported that from 1,200 to 1,500 juveniles are brought to police headquarters each year for various crimes and about 80 per cent of those youngsters have not had any kind of religious training, local clergymen spearheaded a move to expand the released-time religious education program for school children as a means of fighting juvenile delinquency.

The Lutheran churches have taken steps to increase enrollment, and a committee has been appointed to study the problem. The Lutherans plan to have nine schools in operation during 1955.

The 950 pastors in the Lutheran Church of Norway must serve an average of 3,425 church members, the Norwegian Association of Pastors announced. The average could be reduced to 2,680 if the church could find 260 new ministers. The association has asked for governmental acceptance of a recruitment plan under which young men would be encouraged to study for the ministry, and, at the same time, the church would draw pastors from the services of voluntary Christian organizations.

Full-time and volunteer Lutheran chaplains working in hospitals, prisons, and other institutions throughout the U. S. or serving these institutions in behalf of Lutheran welfare agencies exceed 1,000, including more than 600 from church bodies co-operating in the National Lutheran Council and more than 400 from The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Dr. Otto H. Dagefoerde, acting head in 1954 of the NLC's Division of Welfare, reported at their 37th annual meeting.

American movie-goers have paid more than $1,000,000 to see the motion picture "Martin Luther" since it was released to commercial theaters in September, 1953, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church Productions, which produced the film, recently announced in New York. The board said that the original $450,000 investment of the sponsoring groups has been repaid, and an additional $100,000 has been distributed among them.

Shavey Lee, 52, a member of True Light Church in New York City and unofficial mayor of Chinatown for the last 30 years, died on March 15.

Restaurateur and insurance man, he was the leader and spokesman for social and civic affairs in Gotham's Chinese community. He often brought visiting dignitaries from the City Hall to receive a welcome in Chinatown. His real name was Lee J. Wayne, but he adopted the nickname Shavey acquired in childhood when his head was shaved for coolness.

At the testimonial dinner last May for Mary E. Banta, missionary at True Light, he said: "Tonight I am just a member of the church. That is more important than the mayorship of Chinatown. Forty-eight years ago today Miss Banta gave my brother George his name. She named my other brothers and sisters. When I was a baby, I sat on Miss Banta's lap. Now I weigh more than 250 pounds. After her 50 years of hard work, on May 2, I was baptized at True Light. My daughter and my grandson were also baptized."

Rev. Louis Buchheimer conducted the funeral service in True Light Church.

NGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND held its first General d on February 7, 1955, at Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, Ken- Town, England. Delegates and pastors of the two London congre-ons — Luther-Tyndale and Holy Trinity — met with representatives the new missions in Cornwall, Ruislip, and Sunderland, England, Cardiff, Wales. The Rev. E. George Pearce (second from right), ionary at large in Great Britain, is chairman of the E. L. C. E. Synod. rge Lawton, standing, is the son of one of the six young men who, er to have a church of the pure Word, 60 years ago called a Mis-i Synod pastor from America and founded Luther-Tyndale Congrega-, the first E. L. C. E. church in the British Isles.

ADULT CLASS, CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES. The Cardiff mission was begun through the initiative of a young woman, a former Roman Catholic, who moved to London to be instructed in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church and to be confirmed. Pastor Pearce now visits Cardiff once a month to discuss Lutheran doctrines with this group of nine people. The E. L. C. E. is considering the church site offered in a new housing area of 14,000 residents. Heavy Lutheran Hour mail brings repeated requests to establish Lutheran churches in other areas, such as Bradford-Leeds, Harlow, Borehamwood, Chislehurst, Redruth, and Falmouth. Three months after the Ruislip mission opened, the average Sunday attendance was 70; 60 children are enrolled in Sunday school.

HOW DID WE DO?

By J. E. HERRMANN
Stewardship Counselor of Synod, St. Louis,

We did do better in giving for missions in 1954. In fact, our people gave $1,263,734.70, or 21%, more for missions in 1954 than in the previous year. This was the greatest increase in giving for a fiscal year's missionary program in the entire history of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod! Many congregations and a number of Districts made an enviable record last year.

We Didn't

Here's the other side of the picture. *We did not reach our 1954 missionary goal.* Our goal was $8,100,000. We received $7,301,035.49. That's about 90% of the goal. We fell short by about $625,000. Your church is "in the red" by that amount. This is the first time in 15 years that our church will have to borrow money in order to carry on. All of Synod's reserves have been exhausted. That, in itself, should cause everyone of us to sit up and take notice.

Are These the Reasons?

But why did we fall $625,000 short? Is it because we set our goal too high? $8,100,000 looks like a lot of money. Is that true? Surely, our 1,270,000 communicant members could have given at least $6.10 each over a period of 12 months. As it was, they gave $5.42. The difference was the price of a movie or a small lunch.

Did we fall short because the times were bad? True, we had a large drought area in the Southwest. The farmers' income was down somewhat. Some people in the cities were unemployed. The fact remains, however, that we Americans had more "take-home pay" last year than ever before in our history. We also spent more than ever before, but wages are still ahead of the rise in the cost of living.

Was it because of the large building programs of many of our congregations? We like to believe that none of them built new buildings at the expense of missions.

Or These?

The main reasons why our church fell short, we are convinced, are:

1. *Our people are not informed.* They do not know enough about their own missionary program at home and in 25 other countries of the world. People are for that which is before them. Are our congregations and the organizations in these congregations making use of the many printed and visual aid materials available? Is yours? Ask!

2. *Only one third of our people give generously to missions.* Another third gives only a token amount. Then there are those who give little or nothing. They do not realize their missionary obligation. The Lord Jesus tells them: "Go ye into all the world" — but they don't go. There's something wrong here. For their soul's sake these people should be visited in person. A spirit for missions must be planted and cultivated in them. *You* are your brother's keeper.

3. *Missions are considered "outside purposes."* This in spite of the fact that Jesus put them *inside* the congregational program. One of the main reasons congregations exist is to go into all the world for Jesus. He said so. Why, then, do congregations treat missions as something extra, outside their current program?

4. *Many congregations do not give proportionately.* How can we teach our people proportionate giving when many congregations themselves do not give proportionately? Our congregations at the last convention of Synod urged one another to give one dollar for missions to every two spent locally. Does your congregation?

5. *Many congregations do not send in mission offerings monthly.* They do little for missions until the fall of the year. For example, last year the congregations of Synod sent in one third of what was needed for missions when the year was two thirds gone. Are missions less deserving of regular monthly support than your local needs? Who said so?

6. *The lack of stewardship training.* Our church body has a tried and proved program in stewardship, which, under God, has been very effective in many congregations. This program challenges members to a God-pleasing use of their time, talents, and treasure. Is your congregation promoting that type of a program? *Ask!*

What about preaching the G Won't that do what is needed course, the Gospel is the power o at work in human lives. Even all the Gospel preaching we've many of our people are not o for missions. Our people gen also need to be informed about mission program. They need highest type of missionary leade they need to follow well-pr God-pleasing methods in givin missions.

What of 1955?

Our goal for 1955 is $1,0 higher *plus* the amount we fell of reaching our expenses in That will be more than $1,62 The goal we ought to reach wi at least $9,725,000.

**Will we reach that goal? are not in the least discoura *We are persuaded that we shal*

→ **We all give ear to the Savi call: "Go ye into all world."**

→ **We have a heart for the and a half billion souls v will be lost forever with Christ.**

→ **Our congregational lead stress missions at every portunity throughout year.**

→ **Congregations make it point to call on every me ber who in the past has gi little or nothing to home a world missions.**

→ **All congregations take "o side purposes" *inside* th congregational program.**

→ **Congregations *every mo* will give a *liberal* share their total income to missio**

→ **We pray daily and fervent for the conversion of l souls everywhere in the wor**

→ ***The 750,000 people into who hands the "Lutheran W ness" comes sincerely pled themselves* personally *to gi regularly and generously f* missions *and influence the congregations and fello members to do likewise.***

Is that expecting too much f Him who gave His all?

May God, who in His love a mercy has given our church su wonderful opportunities to sha our wonderful salvation wi others, now move our people do His blessed will.

MISSION CALL

This insert in the "Lutheran Witness" has only one purpose: to inform our people from time to time on current happenings in our church's far-flung mission work and thereby persuade them to support this vital program with their prayers and offerings. *Mission Call* is edited by Rev. J. E. Herrmann, Stewardship Counselor, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis.

Home Missions Report, 1954

THIS IS HOME MISSIONS

Mention of "Home Missions" is apt to bring to mind small cluster of people who worship in hall, school, or acant store without benefit of pews, altar, and organ. ut there is a missionary, usually a young pastor, who diligent in the practice of his calling.

As time passes, the group acquires a building site and ventually dedicates a small but attractive chapel. At nce the Sunday school enrollment chalks up gains, and ttendance at the services increases.

Comes the day when the group declares itself a congregation that is ready to support itself without further id from the church at large. This is Home Missions.

But Home Missions is more. There are at this time 1,200 subsidized congregations in the United States and in Canada that are passing through the indicated stages of development. All told, these missions number 85,000 communicant members, who are served by 800 missionaries. The bill for this service in 1954 came to about $6,750,000, of which the missions themselves raised $4,000,000, while the 32 Districts of Synod contributed $2,250,000 and Synod at large added $440,000. This is Home Missions, the foremost mission enterprise of our church.

Here is what Home Missions did in 1954:

1. To the grand total of 1,200 mission congregations, Home Missions added one new church every four days. Because of Home Missions, the Missouri Synod is richer today by 92 churches.

2. Home Missions through the Church Extension Department extended loans to 83 missions for the purchase of building sites and the erection of chapels and parsonages.

3. Because the church grows when her members speak for Christ, Home Missions took steps to quicken evangelism and personal soul winning.

4. Home Missions also initiated a rural-life program for a greater Christian impact on the part of our rural congregations upon their surroundings.

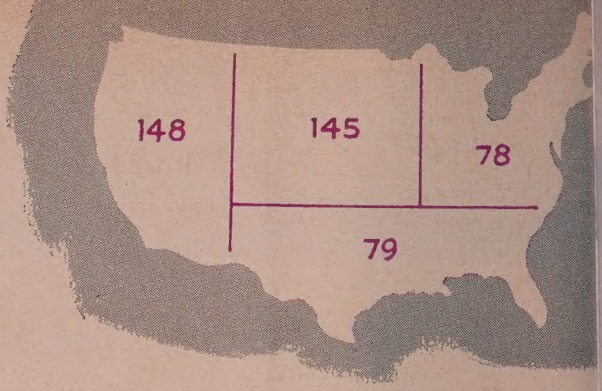
5. Home Missions carried forward the endeavor named "Telemission," which acts upon the many contacts established by Synod's television program, "This Is the Life."

6. Home Missions also advanced the Sunday School by Mail project, which enters into many isolated homes with its instruction in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

These were the accomplishments of Home Missions in 954. The following pages will give answers to questions uch as these: Is 92 a sufficient number of new stations or one year? Where do you start these new missions? Are you prepared to extend a building loan to any new congregation in need of one? What do you do to aid these new missions to achieve a brisker growth? What is this rural-life program?

TIS SPRAWLING using development near San rancisco typifies he new opportunity in Home Missions. To plant the Gospel among the thousands of newcomers who live here is both the duty and the joy of the church

CHURCH EXPANSION



IN THE LAST five years, Home Missi founded 506 new churches in the Uni States and Canada. This chart shows West Coast in the lead with 149 of the But it should be noted that no region v neglected

Do the 92 new stations that were founded last year represent an adequate gain? Measured against opportunity alone, they do not, for this is an extraordinary span of grace and opportunity for missions.

In these powder-keg times, people are more receptive to religion. Too, there are many more people. We have a population gain of 32 million since 1940. On an average, every person in the United States moves once in five years. At the same time, our population has become home-conscious to an extraordinary degree. Home building had a record year in 1954. In addition, 50 large communities spring up each year. These factors spell "opportunity" for Home Missions.

However, opportunity alone does not determine the number of new stations that can be opened. A constant factor is the money that is made available for expansion. If the money is not there, new congregations cannot be founded. A second factor is the availability of man power. It is difficult at times to secure men who can serve our new mission stations. A third factor is whether the money is on hand to lend to new congregations for the building of chapels

Ground-breaking ceremony at one of the new mission stations being opened in many parts of our country

and parsonages. These are the elements that determine the rate at which new missions can be founded.

The 92 new churches in 1954 represent a victory over handicaps. Not so much money became available as had been anticipated. Man power is not always available. There is also a lack of funds for chapel-building purposes. God be praised for the new churches that were created, for they represent the maximum increase that could be obtained under the circumstances.

The work of Home Missions is conducted by Synod through the 32 Districts in the United States and in Canada. Each District originates, suppor and directs its own mission program. However, the are 12 Districts in which the opportunities for e pansion are so abundant and pressing that the Di tricts cannot cope with them without help. Throug Synod's Home Mission Board, financial assistance extended to these 12 Districts.

Where are the new missions that were opened 1954? They are all over the United States and Ca ada. No region was neglected. But the West Coa was again the area of our largest increase, as it h been for the last five years and more.

What do the mission congregations do for them selves? For the work at home the 1,200 mission con gregations raised $4,000,000 last year, and for th work at large they gave more than $600,000.

Now that these new stations have been founde how long will it take them to become self-supporting If chapel-building funds can be made available, th new churches ought to achieve self-support withi a short time.

NEW STATIONS OPENED

Five-Year Period 1950—1954

District	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	Total for 5 years
A.-B. C.	2	8	4	2	1	17
Atlantic	4	5	4	6	4	23
Calif.-Nev.	5	13	14	15	7	54
Central	4	4	4	4	4	20
Central Ill.	2	3	2	2	3	12
Colorado	2	3	3	3	7	18
Eastern	3	5	3	8	3	22
English	6	5	3	4	5	23
Fla.-Ga.	0	2	2	6	3	13
Iowa East	1	0	0	0	0	1
Iowa West	1	0	0	4	1	6
Kansas	3	3	2	3	3	14
Man.-Sask.	0	0	1	2	0	3
Michigan	0	6	4	8	4	22
Minnesota	2	1	3	3	0	9
Montana	1	0	3	4	3	11
N. Dakota	5	1	0	4	0	10
N. Wisconsin	3	4	1	2	1	11
N. Illinois	3	1	3	4	1	12
N. Nebraska	1	1	0	1	0	3
Northwest	4	6	3	11	8	32
Oklahoma	2	4	3	0	1	10
Ontario	10	16	3	7	0	36
S. Dakota	0	0	1	3	5	9
S. Wisconsin	0	1	3	4	0	8
Southeastern	3	2	2	4	3	14
Southern	2	4	6	3	3	18
S. California	5	2	6	7	13	33
S. Illinois	1	1	1	3	0	6
S. Nebraska	3	1	0	3	1	8
Texas	3	4	6	4	5	22
Western	1	1	1	0	3	6
TOTALS	82	107	91	134	92	506

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HURCH EXTENSION

Any mission founded with an eye to its rapid growth will quickly experience the need of a chapel. Located, as so many of them are, in new housing developments, these new churches face from the start the problem of finding a suitable place for worship and Sunday school sessions.

Most of last year's new stations had their beginnings in public schools, in halls, and in churches that were rented from other denominations. Our own Lutherans, who generally form the stable core of every new mission, will adjust to temporary arrangements that leave something to be desired, but the unchurched shy at these.

The new churches need chapels if they are to grow.

The new churches are not looking for cost-free chapels. What they want is a loan on easy terms. They want a chapel on the installment plan — so much down, and repayments adjusted to a schedule that takes into account their growing financial ability as the membership increases.

Every one of the 32 Districts of Synod maintains a special treasury, known as the Church Extension Fund, from which missions may, if there are funds, obtain the loans they need with which to build. These funds were accumulated in the course of many years by collections and gifts and augmented by borrowings from congregations and individuals at a specified rate of interest or without interest. During 1954, eight Districts conducted special campaigns to enlarge their church extension capital.

With few exceptions, all Districts are troubled at this time to meet the demand for building loans. The cost of building has increased, and larger loans are being requested.

In addition to the District funds, Synod maintains a General Church Extension Treasury for the purpose of aiding any District that cannot meet the demand for building loans. As Synod must assist the 12 Districts whose missionary potential exceeds their financial ability, even so Synod must aid these subsidized Districts as well as some of the others in the matter of loans for chapel building.

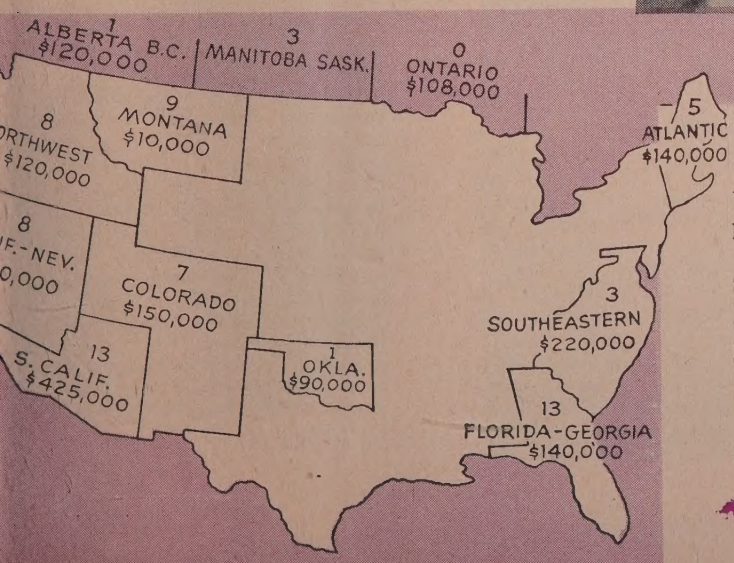
Synod's General Church Extension Board went to great lengths in 1954 to increase the assets of its treasury. In March of last year the Board launched a campaign to secure from Synod's membership $1,000,000 in savings deposits at 2 per cent interest. At the end of the year, one half of the sum had been deposited. Welcome as this response was, it did not match the needs of the Treasury by more than one third. The 12 subsidized Districts needed $1,633,500 from the General Church Extension Treasury after they had provided a similar sum from their own Church Extension treasuries.

Last year set a new record for church building in the United States, with a $400,000,000 total, or 7 per cent of all non-residential building. The new year is expected to top it all. Will the challenge be met? It can be, IF all of us — men, women, young people, children — place some of our savings at the disposal of the Church Extension Funds of our District or of Synod.

Why not make an investment of at least $50 right now and add to it at regular intervals? Imagine the joy and satisfaction in making investments which pay dividends for time and eternity!

I will lend to the Church Extension Fund of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod the sum of $_____ at the rate of 2% interest per annum, payable semiannually.

THIS IS A SAMPLE of the attractive chapels that are be erected with the aid of loans from the General Church Exten Fund of Synod



Please issue a "Loan to the Lord" note for the amount indicated to:

Name _____
(Print full name)

Street or R. F. D. _____

City _____ Zone ____ State _____

Church _____ Pastor _____

Signed _____

Make checks payable to: The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

EVANGELISM EMPHASIS

For more than a decade now, Home Missions has urged upon the church the awareness that witnessing for Christ and winning souls is the privilege of every Christian because he is a royal priest. This witnessing is to be performed by our godly conduct as well as by the words of our mouths.

What is Home Missions doing to stimulate the growth of the

churches that were founded last year and in the years before? The question ought to be enlarged to read, What is being done to accelerate the growth of the whole church? The year 1954 was a banner year in Home Missions, because it laid the groundwork for a rekindling of what has become known among us as evangelism, witnessing, soul winning, or personal mission work.

Soul winning becomes an organized effort when the local congregation employs the witnessing talents of its members in calling on the unchurched neighbors for the purpose of drawing their attention to the grace which Jesus offers in His Word and Sacraments.

In compliance with synodical resolution, the Home Mission staff was reorganized. One member was assigned the task of making the promotion of evangelism his chief area of responsibility. Practically all of the Districts have appointed evangelism contact men. These contact men will form the nucleus of an Evangelism Workshop in May to summon the church to a soul-winning crusade for Christ.

Preceding the workshop, a "pilot"-area evangelism mission, which enlists a group of congregations in a week of preaching, teaching, and reaching will be held to demonstrate the spirit and the method of evangelism and to provide proof that the true 20th-century evangelist is the instructed and witnessing layman, sent forth to witness of his faith in Christ. A report on the area evangelism mission will be made at the May workshop.

Another workshop on evangelism will be conducted during the summer-school session of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from July 11 to 15. Designed for pastors, teachers, lay witnesses, and District evangelism teams, the workshop will place special emphasis on various phases of evangelism for the purpose of strengthening the home base as a center of missionary activity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY MAIL

Sunday School by Mail is a Home Missions service to provide Christian instruction to children, ages 4 to 13, who are unable to attend Sunday school where they are. The total enrollment is about 5,000. About 500 children are enrolled from 20 foreign lands, some as remote as the Fiji Islands. One hundred eighty-three pupils completed the course in 1954.

RURAL LIFE PROGRAM

New in 1954 was the creation of a Rural Life Commission and the adoption of its program. Committees were installed in the Districts of Synod to promote the program on the local level.

Eight years ago Synod's membership was 58 per cent rural, according to the Government definition of the term, which designates as rural any community with a population of 2,500 or under. But since then the shift to the big cities has really got under way, and the Missouri Synod is probably no longer a predominantly rural church body.

The program of the Rural Life Commission wants to train church workers who will bring to the work in rural areas a better understanding of its character and needs. Our rural churches will be asked to emphasize education, the stewardship life, missions, and Christian service to families and to the community.

Rural Missions is to attend to the needs of sparsely settled areas and bring the Gospel to those who live in isolation. Special attention is to be directed to the migrant worker and his trailer-housed family.

This valuable project had its beginning in 1954 and did much to make the year a noteworthy one in Home Missions.

TELEMISSION

The word "Telemission" was coined to designate the missionary contacts that result from Synod's television program, "This Is the Life." As viewers of the program request and receive the literature that is offered free, they are encouraged to indicate whether they are affiliated with a church. The names and addresses of those who are not affiliated with a church are then forwarded to the nearest pastor of our church for personal attention. Every month more than 400 such names are forwarded for follow-up.

OUR MEN NEED WEAPONS

Armed Services Commission Offering, Mother's Day, May 8

By LAMBERT BROSE
Managing Editor, Armed Services Commission

"What do our young people in uniform need to meet the *spiritual* problems that face them? ome time ago a national mag- e in an article entitled "Are the rches Failing Our GI's?" said: h a few notable exceptions the estant sects have fallen down on job. They have failed to indoc- te their young on the spiritual lems and the responsibilities they face on entering the service. They failed to maintain contact with members after they have been d to duty."

here is much truth in the indict- t. Many people feel that when e is a war, those who fight for us l all the help we can give them; when there is no actual conflict, t need is there to go all out in porting our members in service? What need? Military authorities ntain that those who serve in etime need spiritual help even e than those who serve during war. excitement of battle is absent. need of God's protection doesn't n so compelling. There is more ination to yield to temptation.

Only People Would Realize"

The Armed Services Commission Washington receives many letters n peacetime Army men who feel the airman who wrote: "If only the people back home would realize how much we need their help today — their constant prayers, their contact through the mails! I never knew how much I needed the assistance of my church until I left home."

Synod has deemed it important to continue its Armed Services program in peace. The magazine article mentioned quotes the Chief of Chaplains as singling out the Missouri Synod for doing an outstanding job in this field.

A Whole Arsenal of Weapons

From the time a man leaves home on his tour of duty until he returns, your church seeks to provide him with the armor of the Gospel and with a whole arsenal of weapons to "fight the good fight."

When he leaves for camp or base, his home pastor supplies him with printed spiritual helps designed to assist him especially during the first trying weeks. The pastor also gives him a Communion record card which identifies him as a member of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. He is encouraged to return the card to his home pastor when it is filled, exchanging it for a new one. As soon as his name and address reaches Synod's Armed Services Commission, 2633 16th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., a packet, containing a 192-page Service Prayer Book, tracts, and a Lutheran identification tag, is mailed to him. His name and address are in turn forwarded to the church's nearest chaplain or contact pastor.

Regularly the Commission sends the serviceman a monthly sermon and order of service entitled *Loyalty — Christ and Country;* a bimonthly directory listing the addresses of all our chaplains and service centers; a quarterly pocket-size magazine, *Double-Time,* containing service news and news of the church; and tracts written specifically for him.

Gratitude

Truly, God has provided your church with many powerful weapons for the use of our members in uniform. And these men and women see the need for these weapons and are grateful for them.

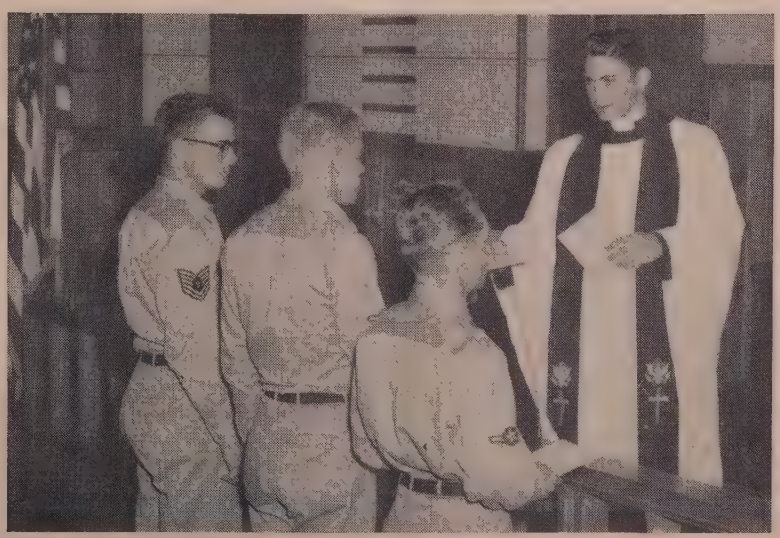
The servicemen are grateful to the 110 Missouri Synod chaplains now with the Armed Forces and Veterans Administration.

The servicemen are grateful for the ministration of contact pastors who, together with their congregations, do everything they can for the welfare of service people at nearby camps and bases. We pray that our people will help provide for our members in service by contributing liberally to the Armed Services Collection on Mother's Day.

Synod's Armed Services Commission regularly sends God's Word to Lutheran men and women in service

KEYSTONE VIEW

Chaplain William H. Petrich with three servicemen as they receive their certificates of confirmation



The University of California wrote Oscar T. Walle, president of California Concordia College: "It gives us great pleasure to inform you that your high school's graduates who entered the University of California in the academic year 1953—1954 have, by their high scholarship in the University courses of study, won an Award of Merit for your school."

Victor C. Krause was installed as associate professor in education and psychology at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. President Martin L. Koehneke of the college performed the installation rite. Rev. E. C. Krause of St. Louis, father of the professor, assisted in the installation.

Prof. V. C. Krause

A 1940 graduate of Concordia, Prof. Krause has studied at Teachers College, Columbia University; University of Chicago; and University of Minnesota. He has been a member of the River Forest faculty since 1950.

Title to all property held in northern India by the Presbyterian (U. S. A.) Board of Foreign Missions will be transferred by July 1 to "properly constituted and approved" native trust associations in India. The board, which voted in New York for this action for India, also approved a plan in which the Western India Mission, maintained by the church in America since 1872, will turn over all its "rights, duties, and responsibilities" to the Kolhapur Church Council, provincial division of the United Church of Northern India.

The action includes work assignments for all missionaries (who will henceforth be known as "fraternal workers"), all requests for new personnel from the U. S., and responsibility for all institutions formerly carried on by the mission, except Miraj Medical Center, which has an independent governing body.

Dr. Herbert Gross, professor of Geography at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., has been appointed a member of the Illinois Planning Committee for the White House Conference on Education by Gov. William G. Stratton of Illinois. Dr. Gross will serve on a state committee of 50, headed by Vernon Heath of Robinson, Ill.

Committee conferences discussing school problems are intended to bring together citizens to talk about educational programs and to help meet pressing school needs. Work on the committee culminates in the White House Conference on Education to be held in Washington, D. C.

S. V. Worthington, 45, of Tucson, Ariz., was commissioned January 9 as a lay missionary. He, his wife, the former Alice Suelflow of Milwaukee, their son Timothy, 6, and three foster sons: Arthur, 16; Franklin, 10; and Michael, 9, left the U. S. February 18 for Taiwan (Formosa), where Mr. Worthington serves as business manager, controller, and treasurer of Synod's mission.

While serving in the Army, he became a member of the Lutheran Church in 1941. With the First Cavalry Division he was stationed in Australia, the Pacific Islands, and the Philippines. "Mr. Worthington feels that many American lives were saved in World War II because the natives of the South Pacific islands learned about Christianity from missionaries. Now, by serving as a missionary himself, he hopes to repay the debt he owes those who preceded him and help in extending further the blessings of the Gospel of Christ," the Southern Nebraska District Edition of the LUTHERAN WITNESS stated.

He spent his youth in Arizona and California, did construction work in Central America in the 1920's, and later was employed in automotive and refrigeration industries in California. Mrs. Worthington was a staff nurse at the Government Indian Hospital, White River, Ariz., before her marriage in 1941.

The Southern Baptist Convention is launching a five-point project to reach unchurched Americans through radio and television, Rev. Paul M. Stevens, director of the convention's Radio and Television Commission announced. The program calls for (1) extension of the Baptist Hour radio broadcast into five metropolitan areas, including New York, Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco, and Denver; (2) filming of a series of half-hour color television programs; (3) distribution of pretested scripts to 30,000 Southern Baptist churches for presentation of live religious telecasts on local stations; (4) construction of a $200,000 Radio-Television City at Fort Worth, Tex.; (5) extension of the Baptist Hour program into additional communities at a later date. The commission will move its headquarters from Atlanta, Ga., to Fort Worth early this summer.

Mrs. Henry Werner of Thorndale, Tex., who celebrated her 97th birthday January 12 "enjoys Sunday worship and the Adult Bible Class while occupying her accustomed place in one of the front pews of St. Paul's Church," her pastor, Rev. F. H. Stelzer, reports in the *Texas Messenger*. "She wholeheartedly joins the disciples in saying, 'Lord, abide with me, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.' "

More than 30,000 persons atte sessions and mass meetings of the tional Lutheran Evangelism Co ence held in Milwaukee, Janua to 30, when sub-zero weather hit consin.

Dr. Fredrick A. Schiotz, pres of the Evangelical Lutheran Ch delivered the keynote address. Sigfrid Engstrom, executive dir of the Augustana Lutheran Chu Board of American Missions, a rally that "as increasing millio people are ready and willing to ness for Christ," the church is fa its "finest hour." Dr. Oscar C. l son of the Division of Evange ELC, maintained that "one of chief sins of the church in 195 America is hearing without do The Rev. Nelson W. Trout, p of a Negro congregation in M gomery, Ala., stated that the gov ment, the schools, and sports been "stealing the thunder" of churches in bringing about equality of men.

This was the second intersyno evangelism conference sponsore the Lutheran Evangelism Co which, although not a part of National Lutheran Council, is c posed of representatives of the church bodies participating in NLC. The first conference was in Minneapolis in 1953.

The American Bible Society year distributed a total of 15,14 volumes — Bibles, Testaments, Bible portions. The society used languages, including five new for the translation and the printin the Scriptures during 1954.

Old Trinity Church in St. L "the Mother Church of the Miss Synod," on March 1 observed golden wedding anniversary of Pa and Mrs. R. H. C. Meyer. Two s in-law, Rev. Otto Stahlke of Chi and Rev. Henry R waldt of East Louis participate the service.

Rev. and Mrs. Rud. H. C. Meyer

The wedding 1905 was a pri one at home, s the bride's father, A. L. Graebner, died three mo earlier. Mrs. Lud Fuerbringer, had been a wed guest when Miss E tha Graebner became the bride Pastor Meyer, was also a guest at golden wedding.

Pastor Meyer edits the West District Edition of the LUTHERAN W NESS. Both he and his wife are ac in promoting the participation of l theran women in church work, es cially in the Lutheran Women's M sionary League.

Books

s Is the Life. By Helen Chappell White. Doubleday and Company, Inc., Garden City, N. Y. 254 pages. $3.50.

To have ten episodes in the life of Middleburg Fishers expanded into rt stories, written by the wife of the sident of Emory University in Atlanta l published by Doubleday, must be wed as the ultimate in awards for od's television program, "This Is the e."

Ordinarily novels and short stories adapted for television and motion tures. Helen Chappell White reversed procedure and dramatized in print ividual actions and scenes which ke for themselves on our screens.

The author's endeavor succeeds to a arkable degree. Nothing is lost in retelling the episodes. If anything, s. White's collection of short stories ances the religious message of "This the Life." God's forgiving grace in rist and the abundant life embodied the Fishers are presented with sin- ity and conviction.

Of the Fishers the author writes: ey are average Americans. . . . We know them, for there are many llions like them. . . . They are dif- ent because they are Christians who ng their faith into every hour of their es."

Helen Chappell White's heart-warm- stories will be read with interest and ification.

This Is the Life will be the primary ection of the Concordia Book Club June.

nners and Morals of the 1920's. By Mary Patrice Thaman. Bookman Associates, New York, N. Y., 1954. 215 pages. $3.75.

In this book the author provides panorama of pulsating life in a decade American history which seems happily note but which, because of its parallels our own, seems also distressingly near. Thaman used as source materials re- ious periodicals (Roman Catholic, wish, Protestant) published in the s. The LUTHERAN WITNESS, which sel- m failed to voice its opinion on nners and morals, is quoted exten- ely. Miss Thaman has shown that tory is not only informative, but also lightfully interesting.

PAUL M. BRETSCHER

Who Shall Be God!" By Alvin N. Rogness. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. 183 pages. $2.50.

This sermon book with 25 sermons for rious Sundays of the church year, itten by a pastor of the Evangelical theran Church, now president of Lu- r Theological Seminary, St. Paul, nn., is worth reading. Telling illustra- ns engage the attention and bring me God's truth. The author doesn't wdle. He lets sin be sin, God be God, d he knows only the cross of Christ pardon, peace, and life. This reviewer s not read anything more compelling ncerning God's grace in a sermon book of our day than what the author presents in the sermon "This Incredible Tale." In the interest of that same grace we would have preferred that the almost undue emphasis had not been laid in the sermon "What Is Faith?" on the thrice-repeated thought of the "unresisting" heart to which God's gift of faith is made. Buy this sermon book. You will read every word of it.

ARNOLD H. GRUMM

Face to Face with India. By Roland E. Wolseley. Friendship Press, New York, 1954. xii and 176 pp. $2.50. Illustrations by Kurt Wiese. Colored map.

Under Three Flags. By Stephen Neil., Friendship Press, New York, 1954. 185 pp. $2.00. Colored map.

These two books summarize the political, social, and religious problems of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon so as to make them vital and interesting to readers who have not been in those countries.

Mr. Wolseley, an American journalist, in India 1952—53, writing about India alone, shows how the everyday social problems affect the lives of typical Indian people. "Christianity," he says, "is a tiny minority in terms of population (slightly more than 2 per cent) but a force out of proportion to numbers in the country's everyday life."

Stephen Neil, an Irish Anglican scholar, for 20 years a missionary in India and a former Bishop of Tinnevelley, S. India, writes to clarify much confusion and misunderstanding in Western minds about conditions in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. He explains the difficulties of self-government and yet the outstanding progress these countries have made in only a few years of independence. He also discusses the progress and problems of the church in these countries.

Do you realize that more than half the people in the world live in Asia; and that one in five of the world's population lives in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon? Here are fine books to familiarize Western readers with these important and newly independent countries of the world. They provide excellent material for study groups in Bible classes and Walther League societies.

ROBERT M. ZORN

Missions at the Crossroads. By T. Stanley Soltau. Van Kampen Press, Wheaton, Ill. 183 pages. $2.50.

This book presents a look into the future of the missionary effort by one who has had a quarter century of experience in the building of the church of Korea. He does not limit himself to this country, however. His subtitle presents his theme: "The indigenous church — a solution for the unfinished task."

In the face of rising nationalism and of doors closing in the face of foreigners, the churches in various countries must be helped to assume the tasks and responsibilities which rightly are theirs. This book presents solid material for a study of this problem and suggests ways of achieving the much-desired purpose.

HERMAN H. KOPPELMANN

Stewardship in the New Testament Church. By Holmes Rolston. John Knox Press, Richmond, Va. $1.00.

In this book the Rev. Holmes Rolston covers the wide range of the larger stewardship and centers all of it in Christ, the Redeemer. It is the only complete source book on Christian stewardship on the market, and we recommend it highly to stewardship leaders and pastors.

J. E. HERRMANN

Deaths

Arnold John Gross (June 24, 1909, Pittsburgh, Pa., to February 2, 1955, Pittsburgh, Pa.), son of Henry and Katherine Michael Gross; graduated Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1932, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1935.

Called as missionary at large by the Pittsburgh Church Extension Society in 1935, Rev. Gross initiated work at Saint Paul's Church, Washington, Pa., and became the congregation's first pastor in 1938. He accepted the call of Zion, Pittsburgh, in 1949, where he served until his death.

Survivors are his widow, Ruth Van Gorder Gross; five children: Raymond, Ruth Anne, Paul, David, and Janet; two sisters: Mrs. Olga Taschner and Mrs. Frieda Butler; and five brothers: Martin, Albert, Gerhardt, Revs. Henry and Moritz Gross.

Rev. Herman W. Petersen preached the funeral sermon in Zion Church, Rev. Carl B. Schlutz was liturgist, and Rev. Edwin Kringel, Baltimore, Md., conducted the committal service on February 5. Rev. Gerhard L. Luecke and Dr. Eric Malte expressed condolences on behalf of the Pittsburgh local conference and the Eastern District respectively.

CARL B. SCHLUTZ

Frederick C. Jordan (October 7, 1883, Cleveland, Ohio, to February 18, 1955, Terre Haute, Ind.), son of Carl and Caroline Roy Jordan; graduated Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1904.

He served congregations in Holmes County and in Amherst, Ohio, 1904 to 1925; and Immanuel, Terre Haute, Ind., 1925—1955.

He is survived by his wife, the former Loretta A. Arnold; two children: Ruth and Carl, Terre Haute; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Haber, Cleveland, Ohio.

At the funeral service, February 21, in Immanuel Church, Terre Haute, Dr. W. C. Birkner preached, the undersigned officiated, and Rev. E. W. H. Mueller read the committal service. Interment was at Terre Haute.

ARNOLD F. KLUGE

Herbert Carl Claus (April 17, 1894, Elkhart, Ind., to February 11, 1955, Ferguson, Mo.), son of Rev. E. Theodore and Anna Meyer Claus; graduated Concordia College, Fort Wayne, 1913; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1917; Washington University, M. A., 1946.

He served in the Negro mission field at St. Louis and Springfield, Ill., 1917 to 1923; Zion Church, Ferguson, Mo., from 1923 until his sudden death of a heart

attack. Active in the program of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for many years, he served as editor of the *Lutheran Woman* and pastoral adviser to the St. Louis Zone. He was also secretary of the Lutheran Charities Association of Greater St. Louis.

Surviving are his wife, the former Estelle Hoermann, whom he married in 1919; three daughters: Audrey; Eunice, Elmhurst, Ill.; and Mrs. Gwendolyn Schopp, Buffalo, N. Y.; and three sisters: Mrs. Gertrude Bopp, Whiting, Ind.; Emma E. Claus, Gary, Ind.; and Mrs. Louella Snyder, Hammond, Ind.

Funeral services were conducted at Zion Church, February 14, 1955, by the undersigned. Rev. George Wittmer, vice-president of the Western District, spoke on behalf of the St. Louis area clergy. Dr. L. W. Spitz read the committal service. HERBERT J. A. BOUMAN

Paul G. Schmandt (March 1, 1877, Chicago, Ill., to February 24, 1955, Hillside, Ill.), son of George and Hermina Schmandt; graduated Addison Teachers' Seminary, Addison, Ill., 1907.

He taught at Zion Lutheran School, Corunna, Ind., 1907—1911; Trinity, Lansing, Ill., 1911—1915; Trinity, Nashville, Ill., 1917—1920; Immanuel, Altamont, Ill., 1920—1942, when he retired because of failing health.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Dau, whom he married in 1910; a son, Paul, teacher at St. Jacobi Lutheran School, Jennings, Mo.; and four daughters: Loretta, Hermina, Betty, and Ruth. A son, Gerhard, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted February 28 in Immanuel Church, Hillside, with the undersigned officiating. Interment was at Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill. E. H. PITTELKO

Russell A. Schmidt, a student at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, was killed in an auto accident in Illinois, January 25, 1955, when he was returning to the seminary after helping his father-in-law, Rev. George W. Weinrich, at Lincoln, Ill., in whose parsonage Student Schmidt's wife and infant daughter were staying.

He taught in Christian day schools at Danbury, Conn., and Kingston, N. Y. His wife, Irene, also taught in the Kingston parish school.

Funeral services were conducted January 29 at Christ Church, Hartford.

Announcements

Ordinations and Installations

PASTORS

Commissioned:

Lenser, Rudi P., mission, Ephrata, Wash., by R. A. Tschirley, Feb. 20.

Opsahl, Bruce H., missionary in the Atlantic District, Flemington, N. J., by Walter A. Reuning, March 6.

Soovik, Mihkel, Estonian and German congregations, Seabrook, N. J., by L. Henze, March 13.

Installed:

Baumann, Herman E., Immanuel, Hallettsville; Zion, Schulenburg, Tex., by Henry A. Traugott, Feb. 27.

Bertram, Oswald, Redeemer, Philadelphia, Pa., by Herbert C. Meyer, Feb. 6.

Bok, Wilbert E., Emmaus, Wauseon, Ohio, by A. C. Hahn, March 13.

Degner, Hugo W., St. John, Rushmore, Minn., by M. W. Lieske, March 13.

Feiertag, John W., Hope, Veradale, Wash., by E. E. Hellwege, March 13.

Gade, Edward H., Jr., St. Paul, Gleason; St. Paul, Summitt; Our Savior, Jeffries, Wis., by W. F. Ludwig, March 6.

Huber, Curtis E., Faith, South Bend, Ind., by T. Kleinhans, March 6.

Jung, Donald F., Grace, West Springfield, Mass., by Louis H. J. Henze, March 6.

Kramer, David J., Trinity, Hoffman, Ill., by W. H. Symank, March 6.

Kreft, Gustav G., St. Paul, Oswego, Kans., by E. T. Schultz, March 6.

Kreutz, Eugene W., Redeemer, Fresno, Calif., by Theo. E. Hoelter, March 3.

Leber, Howard H., St. Paul, Naugatuck, Conn., by A. H. Wismar, March 6.

Ludwig, Leslie D., Littleton Mission, Littleton, Colo., by Arnold F. Meyer, March 6.

Meyer, Hobart, St. Paul, Houston, Tex., by C. E. Kasper, March 13.

Mueller, Martin H., Emanuel, South St. Paul (5 SW), Minn., by Pres. H. A. Gamber, March 6.

Nieman, John B., Immanuel, Williamsburg, Iowa, by George E. Schubarth, March 6.

Palechek, Albert G., Trinity, Harvel, Ill., by Edward F. Lutz, March 6.

Tauscher, Robert W., St. John, Clifton, N. J., by E. Dunker, March 6.

Thies, Siegmund, St. Paul, Selma, Calif., by J. P. Uhlig, March 13.

Vomhof, A. F., St. Paul, Lester Prairie, Minn., by E. A. Schuett, Feb. 27.

Wind, Robert, St. Paul, Cincinnati, Ohio, by W. Fehrmann, March 6.

TEACHER

Hintz, Robert, Zion, Colby, Wis., by O. Hoffmann, March 13.

Official Notices

Rev. Erwin L. Lueker, Ph. D., has accepted the call to the professorship in the Department of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Rev. Kurt Biel has declined the call to the professorship in the Department of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. — FREDERIC NIEDNER, D. D., *Secretary*, Board of Control.

As successor to the sainted Rev. Frederick Menzel, *Rev. O. H. Reinboth*, 1431 17th Ave., Oakland 6, Calif., has been appointed as Western Representative of Synod's Transportation Department. — M. PIEHLER, D. D., General Transportation Secretary.

Rev. Heinrich Zeuch of Maturin, Venezuela, an applicant for reception into the ministry of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, has passed oral and written colloquies and met all other requirements. He is hereby declared eligible for a call. — THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE, *Walter A. Baepler, Alfred O. Fuerbringer, Fredrick A. Hertwig.*

Frederick K. Kwirant of Chicago, Ill., teaching at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago, requests a colloquy to become eligible for a call as a teacher in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. — A. H. WERFELMANN, *President*, Northern Illinois District.

Summer Sessions at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.

Summer sessions at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., will begin June 6. The five-week session is scheduled from June 6 to July 8. Students may earn a total of six credit hours during this period of time. A second three-week session is scheduled from July 11 to July 29, when students may earn an additional three hours' credit. A specially designed seminar session from June 5 to July 8 is designed to acquaint public school teachers or teachers out of service with the background philosophy and special methods in teaching in our Lutheran elementary schools. Courses lead to a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and renewal of certificates. The full facilities of the college will be in operation for these summer sessions. For further information write or call: CONCORDIA TEACHERS COLLEGE, Public Relations Department, Seward, Nebr.

Available

Thirty-six used hardwood *pews* (32 11 ft. 6 inches long and 4 10 ft. long), in good condition; *chancel furnishings;* new hot-air house *furnace.* Call or write REV. L BRANDES, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Jor Minn. Phone 69.

Approximately 30 old German Luth *hymnals,* which a mission may have for of shipment. — ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHU Carl Fischer, 3400 W. Newark, Lapeer, M

At reasonable cost: 1 modern natu finish wood *altar* 3 years old; 1 large *dossal* 3 years old; *pulpit;* reed *organ;* 22 *pews; baptismal font.* — IMMANUEL LUTHI CHURCH, Box 152, Butler, Wis. (Phone, waukee Exchange SU 1-8877.)

Wanted

Set of seven-light (electric) and also of single-light (electric) *candelabra* altar. — CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bo City, Mich.

Folding chairs for Sunday school of mission. Write: A. E. BRIESCHKE, Concor Lutheran Church, 2100 Coolidge Ave., Ber ley, Melrose Park P. O., Ill.

Changes of Address

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Barg, Edgar E., 1112 N. 16th St., Manitowoc, Wis.

Bickel, Eldor F., 3435 Pandora St., Vancouver 6, B. C., Can.

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Degner, Hugo W., Rushmore, Minn.

Engelbrecht, Harold H., 5 W. Oregon Av Phoenix, Ariz.

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Janz, Philip, Plainview, Nebr.

Kittermann, Chaplain (Capt.) Henry O., Hdq. 22d Inf., APO 39, New York, N. Y

Kolbe, Edward C., Box 24, Appleton, N.

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May, Wilbur T., Box 259, Dodge Center, Minn.

Nieman, John B., Williamsburg, Iowa

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Otten, Henry, 607 N. Lawler St., Emmetsburg, Iowa

Schoewe, Chaplain (1st Lt.) Theo M., USAF, 472 Engr. Avn. Bn., APO 800, New York, N. Y.

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Warmann, Walter W., 1418 Fourth St., Susanville, Calif.

Young, Rufus L., 409 W. Third St., Littlefield, Tex.

Teachers:

Bergman, Henry, 600 E. Fourth, North Platte, Nebr.

Droegemueller, August F., 316 S. First, Independence, Kans.

Firnhaber, Don, 114 W. 13th, Grand Island, Nebr.

Kleinschmidt, Wilbur, 1650 Russet St., Racine, Wis.

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Notice

Articles, church news, announcements, obituaries, intended for publication in the LUTHERAN WITNESS, books for review, and general correspondence should be addressed to the Editorial Office, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

Reports of ordinations, installations, dedications, anniversaries, and changes of address of pastors and teachers should be sent to the **Statistical Bureau,** Lutheran Building, 210 North Broadway, St. Louis 2, Mo.

BALANCE SHEET

Exhibit "A"

JANUARY 31, 1955

ASSETS

RRENT FUNDS			
General Current Funds			
Current Assets:			
sh — Petty Cash Funds	$ 3,680.00		
vances —			
Sundry and Travel	8,490.62		
posits	14,633.29		
counts Receivable	4,471.39		
tes Receivable	216,904.63		
vestments — Foreign	39,453.04		
llege Deposits			
Receivable	54,396.64		
sh Due from Other			
Funds	723,975.34	$ 1,066,004.95	
Deferred Charges:			
ssions Prepaid	$ 56,732.74		
theran Refugee Service	44,913.10		
uipment, etc.	40,675.67	142,321.51	$ 1,208,326.46
Specific Current Funds:			
sh Due from Other			
Funds		$ 242,520.36	
tes Receivable		11,075.00	
vestments		998,997.73	1,252,593.09
Agency Funds:			
sh Due from Other			
Funds		$ 87,786.33	
llection Charges —			
"Building for Christ"		126,821.45	214,607.78
XPANSION FUNDS			
Centennial Thankoffering:			
sh Due from Other			
Funds		$ 33,041.26	
"Conquest for Christ":			
sh Due from Other			
Funds:			
urch Extension Fund	$ 1,788,660.00		
neral Current Funds	214,578.18	2,003,238.18	2,036,279.44
OAN FUNDS			
Church Extension Fund:			
sh	$ 534,270.61		
Notes Receivable:			
urch Extension Fund			
Loans	2,747,275.58		
onquest for Christ"			
Fund Loans	1,788,660.00	5,070,206.19	
Building and Loan Fund:			
ans Receivable	$ 205,848.75		
ilding and Loan			
Appropriations	167,065.25	372,914.00	5,443,120.19
OPERTY FUNDS			
Investment in Subsidiaries:			
ncordia Pub. House	$ 3,382,785.50		
dio Station KFUO	556,668.80	$ 3,939,454.30	
Physical Property Funds:			
Unexpended Physical			
Property Funds:			
sh	$ 363,774.72		
vestments	3,911,797.50		
sh Due from Other			
Funds	95,453.60	4,371,025.82	
Invested in Physical			
Properties:			
lleges and Seminaries	$20,974,886.20		
Louis Office Building	631,474.68		
ndry Residences	315,404.58		
her Synod. Properties	534,549.03	22,456,314.49	30,766,794.61
NSION AND TRUST FUNDS (Sched. A-VIII)			23,890,253.83
			$64,811,975.40

LIABILITIES

CURRENT FUNDS			
General Current Funds			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		$ 6,289.06	
College Deposits Payable		347,279.96	
Due to Other Funds:			
Specific Current Funds	$ 242,520.36		
Agency Funds	87,786.33		
Expansion Funds	247,619.44		
Physical Property Funds	95,453.60	673,379.73	
Contingent Reserve:			
Contingency Reserve Bal.			
(Sched. A-I)		181,377.71	$ 1,208,326.46
Specific Current Funds:			
Peace Thankoffering			
(Sched. A-II)		$ 19,711.56	
Centennial Thankoffering			
(Sched. A-III)		93,342.19	
"Conquest for Christ"			
Balances (Sched. A-IV)		701,895.70	
Specific Fund Balances			
(Sched. A-V)		437,643.64	1,252,593.09
Agency Funds:			
Agency Fund Balances			
(Sched. A-VI)		$ 214,607.78	214,607.78
EXPANSION FUNDS			
Centennial Thankoffering:			
C. T. O. Fund Balance			
(Unallocated)		$ 33,041.26	
"Conquest for Christ":			
Unappropriated Allocat'ns	$ 31,616.18		
C. F. C. Loan Fund Bal.	1,817,000.00		
C. F. C. Fund Balance			
(Sched. A-VII)	154,622.00	2,003,238.18	2,036,279.44
LOAN FUNDS			
Church Extension Fund:			
Notes Payable	$ 1,078,283.67		
Due to "Conquest for			
Christ" Funds	1,788,660.00		
Loan Payable — Home			
Mission Reserve	250,000.00		
Reserve for Loan			
Program Expense	17,407.36		
Church Ext. Fund Bal.	1,935,855.16	$ 5,070,206.19	
Bldg. and Loan Fund:			
Cash Due to Other Funds	$ 246,594.00		
Notes Payable	126,320.00	372,914.00	5,443,120.19
PROPERTY FUNDS			
Investment			
in Subsidiaries:			
Net Investment			
in Subsidiaries	$ 3,939,454.30	$ 3,939,454.30	
Physical Prop. Funds:			
Unexpended Property			
Fund Appropriations:			
Building and Loan Funds	$ 167,065.25		
"Conquest for Christ"			
Funds	4,203,960.57	4,371,025.82	
Invested in Physical			
Properties:			
Cash Due to Other Funds	$ 477,381.34		
Notes Payable	110,659.23		
Net Investment in			
Physical Properties	21,868,273.92	22,456,314.49	30,766,794.61
PENSION AND TRUST FUNDS (Sched. A-VIII)			23,890,253.83
			$64,811,975.40

"CONQUEST FOR CHRIST" — MISSION APPROPRIATIONS — FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

	Total	Foreign Missions	Negro Missions	North and South American Missions	North and South American Loan Grants	Stewardship Department	European Missions	Board for Deaf	School Development Program	Armed Services Commission
BALANCES, JANUARY 31, 1954	$1,219,515.09	$144,179.70	$147,500.00	$171,316.99	$501,000.00	$ 26,480.78	$ 97,434.74	$ 20,000.00	$ 97,602.88	$ 14,000.00
Add										
Appropriations for Period from 2-1-54 to 1-31-55	139,108.39	47,472.00	44,514.00	2,877.61	50,000.00	——	——	——	——	——
TOTAL	$1,358,623.48	$191,651.70	$192,014.00	$168,439.38	$551,000.00	$ 26,480.78	$ 97,434.74	$ 20,000.00	$ 97,602.88	$ 14,000.00
Deduct										
Disbursements for Period from 2-1-54 to 1-31-55: Land, Buildings, and Equipment in the following Mission Fields:										
Japan	$ 28,860.99	$ 28,860.99								
New Guinea	23,000.00	23,000.00								
Formosa	17,866.38	17,866.38								
Hong Kong	3,000.00	3,000.00								
Philippines	9,000.00	9,000.00								
India	1,272.00	1,272.00								
Greensboro, N. C., Building Program	674.33		$ 674.33							
Villa Ballester, Rosario, Argentina	1,500.00			$ 1,500.00						
Work in England	8,446.88			8,446.88						
Motorization — Argentina and Brazil	1,000.00			1,000.00						
Havana, Cuba	15,000.00			15,000.00						
Parsonage and Chapel — Brazil	40,000.00			40,000.00						
Loan Grant Payments for Year	421,000.00				$421,000.00					
C. P. H. "God's Bank" Film	18,781.50					$ 18,781.50				
C. P. H. Mission Films	1,076.85					1,076.85				
Missions Visualized	6,622.43					6,622.43				
Board for European Affairs	10,524.57						$ 10,524.57			
Work in France, Alsace, and Belgium	33,000.00						33,000.00			
Miscellaneous Expense	2,101.85								$ 2,101.85	
New Office Building, Washington, D. C.	14,000.00									$ 14,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$ 656,727.78	$ 82,999.37	$ 674.33	$ 65,946.88	$421,000.00	$ 26,480.78	$ 43,524.57	$ ——	$ 2,101.85	$ 14,000.00
BALANCES, JANUARY 31, 1955 (to Exhibit "A")	$ 701,895.70	$108,652.33	$191,339.67	$102,492.50	$130,000.00	$ ——	$ 53,910.17	$ 20,000.00	$ 95,501.03	$ ——

Schedule A-V

SPECIFIC CURRENT FUNDS — FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

	Total	Advance Scholarships	Armed Services Commission	Blind Literature	European Affairs	Medical Missions	Missions in Italy	Scholarly Research	World Relief
BALANCES, FEBRUARY 1, 1954	$333,291.76	$ 3,550.00	$130,841.60	$ 4,704.98	$ ——	$ 7,457.84	$ ——	$ 8,971.48	$177,765.86
Add									
Receipts and Appropriations for Period 2-1-54 to 1-31-55	606,799.81	250.00	418,074.80	2,114.18	71,503.33	317.25	12,000.00	10,000.00	92,540.25
TOTAL	$940,091.57	$ 3,800.00	$548,916.40	$ 6,819.16	$ 71,503.33	$ 7,775.09	$ 12,000.00	$ 18,971.48	$270,306.11
Deduct									
Disbursements and Transfers for Period 2-1-54 to 1-31-55:									
By Order of the Board	$ 600.00	$ 600.00							
By Order of the Board	323,205.10		$323,205.10						
By Order of the Board for Book Fund	3,373.61			$ 3,373.61					
Increased German Budget	36,933.33				$ 36,933.33				
Medical Supplies — East Zone of Germany	5,000.00				5,000.00				
German Orphans at Isny	1,000.00				1,000.00				
Dr. A. Caliandro — Work in Italy	7,000.00						$ 7,000.00		
Board Meeting Expense	284.55							$ 284.55	
By Order of the Board	69,817.75								$ 69,817.75
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	6,730.26								6,730.26
Transferred to Board of European Affairs	41,503.33								41,503.33
Emergency Relief — Hong Kong	3,500.00								3,500.00
Ambur, India — Hospital Deficit	3,500.00								3,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS 2-1-54 to 1-31-55	$502,447.93	$ 600.00	$323,205.10	$ 3,373.61	$ 42,933.33	$ ——	$ 7,000.00	$ 284.55	$125,051.34
BALANCES, JANUARY 31, 1955 (to Exhibit "A")	$437,643.64	$ 3,200.00	$225,711.30	$ 3,445.55	$ 28,570.00	$ 7,775.09	$ 5,000.00	$ 18,686.93	$145,254.77

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Analysis of Contingent Reserve Fund

FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

LANCE, FEBRUARY 1, 1954		$795,433.88
Add		
urn from Family Worship Hour	$ 3,679.32	
heran Church Productions, Inc.—Distribution of Net Income ("Life of Martin Luther")	29,569.74	33,249.06
		$828,682.94
Deduct		
ant—Work in Italy	$ 12,000.00	
ant—Support of Rev. G. I. Aho in Australia	1,200.00	
ant—Display at St. Louis Seminary	150.00	
ant—Student Studying at St. Louis Seminary	1,500.00	
cumulated Taxes on Property at 2217 Sedgewick, N. Y. C.	6,710.80	
dget Deficit for year ended January 31, 1955 (per Exhibit "B")	625,744.43	647,305.23
LANCE, JANUARY 31, 1955		$181,377.71

hedule A-II

Peace Thankoffering

JANUARY 31, 1955

	Receipts
TAL RECEIPTS (To January 31, 1955)	$4,682,348.11

LOCATED TO	Allocations	Disbursed or Transferred	Unexpended 1-31-55
stwar Reconstruction and Missionary Expansion	$2,132,348.11	$2,113,292.98	$19,055.13
nodical Building Fund	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	—
nodical Office Building	200,000.00	200,000.00	—
stwar Contingencies	500,000.00	499,343.57	656.43
ssion Expansion at Home and Abroad	350,000.00	350,000.00	—
TALS	$4,682,348.11	$4,662,636.55	$19,711.56

hedule A-III

Centennial Thankoffering

JANUARY 31, 1955

	Receipts
TAL RECEIPTS (To January 31, 1955)	$1,243,439.18

LOCATED TO	Allocations	Disbursed or Transferred	Unexpended 1-31-55
dio Missions in Foreign Fields	$ 387,463.34	$ 387,463.34	$ —
reign Mission Expansion, Including South America and Japan	281,070.00	281,070.00	—
dent Centers in St. Louis and Springfield	264,000.00	264,000.00	—
osidy for Scholarly Research and Publications	195,678.46	134,271.01	61,407.45
ual Education	55,454.06	45,733.50	9,720.56
ech Laboratory Equipment	26,732.06	4,517.88	22,214.18
TALS	$1,210,397.92	$1,117,055.73	$93,342.19

LANCE, TO BE ALLOCATED, JAN. 31, 1955	$ 33,041.26

Schedule A-VI

Agency Fund Balances

JANUARY 31, 1955

	Balance 1-31-55
European Free Church	$ 55.94
Foreign Sundry Titles	63,898.44
Foreign Mission Building Fund	23,342.05
Foreign Relief in India	199.45
Guatemala Chapel Fund	1,951.53
Horst Disbursement Account	727.96
Relief Funds for Germany	148.01
Mexican Chapel Fund	1,611.03
Negro Sundry Titles	902.50
St. Louis Seminary Chapel Building Fund	1,104.72
Special Mission Projects (Spanish Mission)	2,235.81
Horst Hoyer	537.34
Edmonton Building Fund	35.00
Durr Disbursement Account	95.25
"Building for Christ" Offering	38,377.31
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau	415.84
Lutheran Hour	56,832.18
Sundry Titles	22,137.42
TOTAL (to Exhibit "A")	$214,607.78

Schedule A-VII

"Conquest for Christ" Funds

FEBRUARY 1, 1952, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

BALANCE, FEBRUARY 1, 1952			$ 60,735.33
Add			
Receipts:			
Districts		$13,782,723.46	
Sundry Sources		26,466.65	
Interest Earned on Investments		326,867.77	14,136,057.88
			$14,196,793.21
Deduct			
Disbursements and Allocations:			
Collection Expense		$ 342,171.21	
Allocations:			
Missions	$ 4,795,000.00		
Educational	8,905,000.00	13,700,000.00	14,042,171.21
BALANCE UNALLOCATED, JANUARY 31, 1955			$ 154,622.00

Exhibit "B"

Statement of Budget Cash Receipts and Disbursements

FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

BUDGET RECEIPTS (Per Schedule B-I)	Budget	Actual
Receipts from Districts	$ —	$6,855,992.56
Receipts from Sundry Sources	—	445,042.93
Total Budget Receipts	$8,100,000.00	$7,301,035.49
BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS (Per Schedule B-II)		
Mission Enterprises	$3,522,016.83	$3,378,831.85
Educational Enterprises	2,913,000.00	2,930,861.51
Pensions, Welfare, and Relief	1,227,250.00	1,145,113.06
Administrative Offices—Boards and Committees	200,524.62	215,842.95
Financial Administration and General Expense	230,295.00	256,130.55
Contingent Reserve Fund	6,913.55	—
Total Budget Expenditures	$8,100,000.00	$7,926,779.92
EXCESS OF BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS (to Schedule A-I)		$ 625,744.43

Schedule A-VIII

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

TRUST FUNDS

JANUARY 31, 1955

ASSETS

PENSION FUND		
Cash	$ 33,062.94	
Investments	17,530,885.54	
Unamortized Premiums and Disc.	141,872.06	
Accrued Interest Receivable	118,336.24	
		$17,824,156.78
L. L. L. ENDOWMENT FUND		
Cash	$ 5,927.99	
Investments	2,813,601.00	
Unamortized Premiums and Disc.	356.85	
Accrued Interest Receivable	8,149.09	
		2,828,034.93
SUNDRY TRUST FUNDS		
Cash	$ 142,522.36	
Investments	2,361,986.99	
Unamortized Premiums and Disc.	17,133.19	
Accrued Interest Receivable	7,260.37	
Bequest Investment Suspense	17.00	
		2,528,919.91
LAY RETIREMENT FUND		
Cash	$ 14,210.36	
Investments	688,510.00	
Unamortized Premiums and Disc.	3,436.35	
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,985.50	
		709,142.21
Total (to Exhibit "A")		$23,890,253.83

LIABILITIES

PENSION FUND		
Reserve for Investment Depreciation	$ 247,393.11	
Deferred Income	86,538.51	
Contingent Reserve Fund	188,839.40	
Pension Annuities	1,285,817.83	
Pension Fund	16,015,567.93	
		$17,824,15
L. L. L. ENDOWMENT FUND		
Reserve for Investment Depreciation	$ 114,960.57	
Deferred Income	8,149.09	
L. L. L. Endowment Fund Balance	2,704,925.27	
		2,828,03
SUNDRY TRUST FUNDS		
Reserve for Investment Depreciation	$ 92,117.16	
Deferred Income	53,388.88	
Annuity Endowments	712,642.29	
Insurance Reserve — Fire and Tornado	277,765.29	
Legacies	1,003,676.61	
Permanent Support Fund	244,245.69	
Bequests Pending Liquidation	145,083.99	
		2,528,91
LAY RETIREMENT FUND		
Reserve for Investment Depreciation	$ 767.71	
Deferred Income	8,867.29	
Lay Retirement Fund Balance	699,507.21	
		709,14
Total (to Exhibit "A")		$23,890,25

Exhibit "D"

SYNODICAL BUILDING FUND

JANUARY 31, 1955

	APPROPRIATIONS				
	"Conquest for Christ"	Other Appropriations	Total Appropriations	Expended	Unexpend Balance
Advances Made to Rehabilitate College Properties — Returned to Contingent Reserve Account	$ 270,000.00	$ ——	$ 270,000.00	$ 268,773.72	$ 1,226
Advances Made to Carry Out Provisions of the "Building for Tomorrow" Program	773,121.33	——	773,121.33	770,853.26	2,268
Advances Made from the Contingent Reserve Account to Carry Out Provisions of the "Building for Tomorrow" Program	181,279.60	——	181,279.60	177,828.25	3,451
Teacher-Training Program	19,110.00	——	19,110.00	5,548.36	13,561
Austin	235,230.00	64,770.00	300,000.00	199,600.00	100,400
Bronxville	55,000.00	34,165.00	89,165.00	81,750.00	7,415
Concordia	334,000.00	33,250.00	367,250.00	305,370.22	61,879
Edmonton	254,000.00	84,100.00	338,100.00	208,671.87	129,428
Fort Wayne	25,000.00	——	25,000.00	25,000.00	—
Milwaukee	585,000.00	9,381.36	594,381.36	468,014.51	126,366
Oakland	105,000.00	20,406.23	125,406.23	121,224.43	4,181
Portland	218,500.00	29,049.28	247,549.28	224,561.26	22,988
River Forest	648,500.00	71,250.00	719,750.00	608,477.70	111,272
St. Louis	748,640.32	182,000.00	930,640.32	707,212.56	223,427
St. Paul	245,000.00	——	245,000.00	153,893.81	91,106
Seward	280,000.00	60,000.00	340,000.00	231,653.96	108,346
Springfield	312,625.18	45,000.00	357,625.18	263,565.07	94,060
Winfield	257,000.00	9,100.00	266,100.00	141,100.00	125,000
Senior College	3,335,000.00	——	3,335,000.00	190,353.50	3,144,646
Totals	$8,882,006.43	$ 642,471.87	$9,524,478.30	$5,153,452.48	$4,371,025

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Statement of Budget and Armed Services Commission Receipts

FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

EIPTS FROM DISTRICTS	Budget	Armed Services Commission
rta and British Columbia	$ 17,609.78	$ 962.51
ntic	215,938.13	19,671.79
ornia and Nevada	81,625.25	5,320.14
ral	680,335.61	37,375.95
ral Illinois	245,459.94	16,796.18
rado	58,849.50	4,412.62
ern	160,260.81	11,967.77
ish	374,699.64	16,019.94
ida-Georgia	22,175.01	1,543.16
East	175,000.00	11,784.76
West	299,459.95	16,470.03
sas	207,300.00	12,271.70
itoba-Saskatchewan	17,894.78	1,029.22
igan	689,446.90	34,381.52
nesota	578,667.05	28,875.89
tana	28,132.16	2,073.04
h Dakota	100,152.42	5,500.63
h Wisconsin	296,340.50	16,582.57
hern Illinois	618,319.60	35,628.96
hern Nebraska	120,200.00	10,344.52
thwest	132,465.50	10,272.25
ahoma	48,455.63	3,148.94
ario	50,000.00	1,558.14
th Dakota	74,000.00	5,000.73
th Wisconsin	418,904.52	19,510.73
theastern	102,596.88	9,501.18
thern	15,178.68	2,482.49
thern California	78,096.93	7,785.21
thern Illinois	150,138.84	10,206.46
thern Nebraska	181,990.50	9,481.72
as	135,824.72	11,955.17
tern	480,473.33	29,851.65
Total Receipts from Districts (to Exhibit "B")	$6,855,992.56	$ 409,767.57

CELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		
cordia Publishing House	$ 250,000.00	
. L. Earnings	82,294.17	
acy and General Investment Earnings	25,626.22	
uests and Legacies	49,085.77	
dry Sources	38,036.77	$ 8,307.23
Total Miscellaneous Receipts (to Exhibit "B")	$ 445,042.93	$ 8,307.23
TAL BUDGET RECEIPTS (to Exhibit "B")	$7,301,035.49	$ 418,074.80

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Statement of Budget Disbursements

FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

SION ENTERPRISES	Budget	Actual
d Missions	$ 23,000.00	$ 20,899.56
f Missions	164,000.00	164,000.00
opean Affairs	128,066.67	123,525.45
land:		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of England	8,000.00	7,967.97
Lutheran Council of Great Britain	25,000.00	25,000.00
eign Missions:		
Operations	860,020.72	860,020.72
Capital Investments	75,000.00	75,000.00
dical Missions	7,000.00	2,914.52
Negro Missions:		
North America	215,000.00	215,000.00
Africa	135,000.00	135,000.00
North and South American Missions:		
Operations	1,025,000.00	962,244.59
Capital Improvements	75,000.00	6,110.00
Student Service Commission	46,000.00	45,040.32
Television Production and Distribution (Note 1)	725,929.44	725,929.44
Secretary of Missions	10,000.00	10,179.28
Total for Mission Enterprises	$3,522,016.83	$3,378,831.85

NOTE 1. Television expenditures have been reduced by $195,486.47, representing television receipts from sale of prints and that portion of receipts from special collections not reported as budget income. Television budget has been increased $225,929.44, from the contingent reserve of the budget in accordance with resolution of the Board of Directors at meeting held August 6, 1954.

EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES		
Higher Education:		
Colleges and Seminaries:		
Operations	$2,202,570.00	$2,236,660.12
Capital Investments	250,000.00	245,757.96
Board for Higher Education	47,850.00	45,254.97
Accreditation Costs — Colleges	2,000.00	129.41
Accounting System Introduction	1,380.00	456.44
Advanced Scholarships	10,000.00	—
Emergency Remodeling and Repair	50,000.00	26,901.74
Meeting of Educational Personnel	4,000.00	6,379.24
Portland Experiment	5,000.00	4,994.52
Preliminary Plans — Senior College	28,000.00	38,375.68
Summer School and Extensions	4,000.00	78.42
Synodical Scholarships	10,200.00	9,200.00
Total for Higher Education	$2,615,000.00	$2,614,188.50
Parish Education	$ 115,000.00	$ 117,300.98
Stewardship and Missionary Education	166,500.00	182,892.93
Young People's Work, Board for	16,500.00	16,479.10
Total Educational Enterprises	$2,913,000.00	$2,930,861.51

PENSION, WELFARE, AND RELIEF		
Support and Pensions:		
Support and Executive Office	$1,147,000.00	$1,069,179.17
Candidate Subsidy	18,000.00	25,662.84
Death Benefits	35,000.00	22,975.00
Total for Support and Pensions	$1,200,000.00	$1,117,817.01
Social Welfare, Board for	$ 27,250.00	$ 27,296.05
Total for Pension, Welfare, and Relief	$1,227,250.00	$1,145,113.06

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES — BOARDS AND COMMITTEES		
Board of Appeals	$ 1,000.00	$ —
Board of Directors	14,399.62	13,104.92
President's Office	25,000.00	20,824.05
Vice-Presidents' Expenses	19,000.00	20,480.20
Secretary's Office	5,000.00	5,289.67
Trustees, Board of	500.00	367.18
Planning Counselor's Office	18,000.00	21,723.20
Public Relations	48,000.00	47,339.37
Total for Administrative Offices and Boards	$ 130,899.62	$ 129,128.59
Standing and Special Committees:		
Church Architectural Committee	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,119.21
College of Presidents	5,000.00	8,030.51
Colloquy Committee	—	746.81

PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY THE LIBRARY

Concordia Historical Institute	11,600.00	11,600.00
Constitutional Matters Committee	500.00	205.80
Co-Ordinating Council	——	20.00
Doctrinal Unity Committee	3,000.00	1,208.16
Doctrinal Advisory Committee	700.00	328.50
Finnish Church Committee	75.00	26.43
Fraternal Organizations Committee	500.00	1,145.28
Handbook Review and Revision Committee	500.00	18,768.89
Hymnology and Liturgics Committee	350.00	383.63
Inter-Synodical Relations Committee	1,000.00	8,403.47
Radio Station KFUO	15,000.00	15,000.00
Scholarly Research Committee	10,000.00	10,000.00
Synod Radio and Television Committee	5,000.00	4,925.52
Teacher Placement Committee	400.00	——
Survey and Findings Committee	——	1,556.43
Youth Survey Committee	5,000.00	1,836.80
Mass Communications Committee	10,000.00	1,408.92
Total for Standing and Special Committees	$ 69,625.00	$ 86,714.36
Total for Administrative Offices — Boards and Committees	$ 200,524.62	$ 215,842.95
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL EXPENSE		
Controller's Office	$ 19,000.00	$ 23,210.53
Audit Department	22,000.00	28,911.63
Treasurer's Office	32,500.00	31,960.22
Legal Adviser	5,000.00	3,934.33
Production and Purchasing	19,000.00	21,540.36
Statistical Bureau	12,000.00	14,127.94
Statistical Yearbook	12,000.00	12,840.96
Transportation	3,000.00	1,918.93
Building Service — Office	36,500.00	42,147.26
Other Administrative Expense:		
Chicago Office Rent	720.00	720.00
Dining Room Operations	——	1,093.46
Equipment Office	6,000.00	15,969.33
Periodicals — Gratis	75.00	142.36
Other Administrative Divisions or Functions:		
Reserve, Fire and Tornado Insurance	50,000.00	50,000.00
Fiscal Conference	12,500.00	7,613.24
Total for Financial Administration and General Expense	$ 230,295.00	$ 256,130.55
CONTINGENT RESERVE FUND	$ 6,913.55	$ ——
TOTAL BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS (to Exhibit "B")	$8,100,000.00	$7,926,779.92

Exhibit "C"

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

FEBRUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 31, 1955

BALANCE, FEBRUARY 1, 1954		$ 279,911.53
Add		
Receipts:		
Contributions	$ 4,041.94	
Loan Grants from "Conquest for Christ" Funds	470,000.00	
Administration Fees	37,702.60	
Repayment of Notes Receivable	449,486.44	
Notes Payable	593,569.45	1,554,800.43
		$1,834,711.96
Deduct		
Disbursements:		
Administration Expense	$ 5,596.91	
Interest Expense	4,215.40	
Loan Program Expense	29,489.04	
New Loans — Church Ext. Fund	742,800.00	
New Loans — "Conquest for Christ" Grants	470,000.00	
Repayment of "Conquest for Christ" — Loan Grants	28,340.00	
Note Receivable Trans. to Grant	20,000.00	1,
Balance, JANUARY 31, 1955		$

Certificate of Audit

As independent auditors engaged by The Lutheran Chur souri Synod, we have examined the books and records of that tion as of January 31, 1955, and the financial transactions for year then ended. We have reviewed the system of internal co the accounting procedure of Synod, and without making a deta of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting rec other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent w appropriate. Our examination was made in accordance with accepted auditing standards and included all such auditing p as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The investment in plant, exclusive of Foreign Mission aggregated $22,456,314.49 on January 31, 1955, and has been the basis of the appraisal value in June, 1932, plus subsequent at cost without any provision for depreciation.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and relat ments of income and expense and fund transactions present financial position of Synod as of January 31, 1955, and the resu financial transactions for the fiscal year then ended, in conform generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis with that of the preceding year.

St. Louis, Mo.
March 16, 1955

TRACY B. WHITTON & COM
Certified Public Accounta

Notes on Treasurer's Report

Although the cash budget receipts were $1,263,734 greater fiscal year, the increase was not large enough to avoid the large $625,744.43. Budget receipts from our thirty-two Districts were 992.56, and sundry budget receipts amounted to $445,042.93 (C Publishing House, $250,000.00; L. L. L. Endowment Fund $82,294.17; Legacies and Bequests, $74,711.99; sundry amounts direct, $38,036.77). This gives us the following results:

Budget Receipts	$7,301,035.49	
Budget Disbursements	7,926,779.92	(Budget: $8,
Budget Deficit	$ 625,744.43	

"Exhibit A — Balance Sheet" reflects all assets and liabi Synod on a "fund accounting" basis.

All through the year, Synod was short of cash to carry on i so we had to borrow funds from other accounts that had bala deposit with us, with the result that Synod is in debt to other the amount of $673,379.73. No borrowings are ever made fro Funds, because it is illegal and in direct violation of the trust. "Sc A-I" through "A-VIII" give a detailed report and analysis of t tingent Reserve Fund, Peace Thankoffering, Centennial Thank Conquest for Christ, and other specific funds. From "Schedule we see that Synod's "Trust Fund business" has grown substantiall during the year. The Pension Fund accounted for the largest i $2,892,331.74. The Lay Retirement Fund also registered a sub increase, as well as the Sundry Trust Funds, particularly the Endowments, or Gift Annuities: $116,260.88. "Schedule A-1 — of Contingent Reserve Fund" shows a balance of $181,377.71 after ing against it the large operating budget deficit. "Schedule A-VII — Conquest for Christ Fund" gives the details of receipts, disbursements, and allocations for the period February 1, 1952, to January 31, 1955. A total of $14,196,793.21 was received for this purpose, which includes interest earnings on investments of $326,867.77.

We wish to call your attention particularly to "Exhibit B" and "Schedule B-II — Statement of Budget Disbursements for Fiscal 1954" and commend our various boards and executives for their splendid co-operation in staying within budget allotments. It is indeed noteworthy that these boards gauged their expenses so closely to their budget limits.

"Exhibit C — Church Extension Fund" shows the status of this active fund. Synod's Board of Directors authorized the Treasurer of Synod to solicit and accept loans from our members and congregations on 2% "demand" notes so that the necessary cash is available to the general Church Extension Board for the purpose of making loans to Districts, which in turn make loans to mission congregations. Continued activity will be reflected in this fund because of this policy.

Our members will understand that this published report must necessarily be brief to save space. We are always very willing and eager to assist such as desire more detailed information, if they will but write us.

W. H. SCHLUETER, *Treasurer*

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